

REGULAR MEETING – MARION COMMON COUNCIL – APRIL 4, 2017 – 7:00 P.M., CITY HALL

The Common Council of the City of Marion, Indiana met in regular session on Tuesday, the 4th day of April, 2017 at the hour of 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers, City Hall.

After the prayer and Pledge of Allegiance and before roll call, Council President Jim Brunner said this week is the 49th anniversary of the very untimely passing of Dr. Martin Luther King. He would just like to have a moment of silence in his honor at this time.

On the call of the roll the following members were shown to be absent or present as follows:

Present: Miller, Homer, Smith, Cain, Henderson, Johnson, Luzadder and Brunner.

Absent: Batchelor.

The minutes of the previous regular meeting of March 21, 2017 were presented. On a motion by Smith, 2nd by Cain, the minutes were approved as presented by the following vote. Aye: Homer, Smith, Cain, Henderson, Luzadder and Brunner. Nay: None. Abstain: Miller and Johnson.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Councilwoman Lynn Johnson reported that the newly established Compliance Committee met tonight on the 2nd Floor at 5:30 pm. The committee members there were the Chair, Mr. Steve Henderson, and herself and Mr. Homer was absent. Also, the Council members that were there were Deb Cain, Brad Luzadder, Henry Smith and they had the newspaper there. Also were the representatives from Cannon Realty. That's Stacy Cannon and Judy Fitzgerald and they had Loretta from Maidenberg Realty. She was told it's Judy from Maidenberg. Johnson stated, Judy from Maidenberg, okay. And Phil Stephenson was there who is basically our, Mr. Stephenson was basically our honored guest tonight and we were discussing General Ordinance No. 38-2008 that gives abatements to homes that are in developments. That includes Fox Run, Arbor Homes and Crane Pond. We are talking about abatements and the timing of the abatements and the timing of the extension of the abatements and exactly what the state laws were and the state rules are (inaudible) we continue to keep our abated properties in compliance and that's our residential properties and our business properties need to maintain compliance because we never know when the DLGF is going to require earlier reports. So, we have to bring our ordinances in line with the possibility of changes in our future. We have to have incentives and we discussed the rules as they are right now and how we need to update our rules in the ordinance, General Ordinance No. 38-2008. We also had the pleasure of having a lengthy discussion as to what's going to benefit Marion the most, how to encourage our citizens to improve their properties and how to provide incentives for the happenings in our city so that we can all continued to see a unified vision to make the city a better place to live and improve the quality of life. We discussed having a joint meeting with the Rules Committee and we are going to hold the Rules Committee joint meeting on April 18, 2017 at 6:00 pm in the 2nd Floor Conference Room and we look forward to meeting and having all of them come join them. We also are going to invite the newspaper. It will be a public meeting for the combined committees so we can continue to improve the way we do the ordinances for the City of Marion, Johnson said. Councilman Brad Luzadder said, just one addition to that. We are starting at 6:00 pm. If things are not taken care of by 7:00 pm then we will have to come down for the regularly scheduled Council meeting and then we will go back to that committee meeting on the 18th. We're committed to getting that finished on the evening of the 18th in order to bring it before the full Council at the first of May, Luzadder said.

Councilman Dave Homer told the Council the Ordinance Committee met a week ago on Tuesday. We'll continue to meet the 4th Tuesday of every month through July, end of August. They'll meet at 5:30 pm in the 2nd Floor Conference Room. At our last meeting, at the request of the City Administration, he was asked to take a look at the new Leaf Ordinance that was passed by the Council and they've requested that we take a look at establishing fines for those that don't comply with the ordinance. So that was in discussion and we'll continue at the next meeting. We'll also try and address the Property Maintenance Ordinance in the future and any other ordinances or things that need to be brought to the Council, we request that department heads or any of the Council people that would like to change any other ordinances would need to come through that committee to be brought to the Council, Homer said.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 1-2017 2ND READING & PUBLIC HEARING

The City Clerk read Appropriation Ordinance No. 1-2017 by title only. An Ordinance of the City of Marion, Indiana, appropriating certain funds for the City of Marion, Indiana, and providing for the effective date thereof. From the General Fund #101 to Contractual Services #101-030-331.050 the amount of \$16,513.50. Purpose: To allow for expenditure of INDOT Grant revenue received but not expended in 2015. Julie Flores, City Controller, told the Council this is 2nd reading and public hearing on this appropriation ordinance, moving money that was received for the Transportation Department that never got appropriated. She'll entertain any questions they may have, Flores said. Being no questions from the Council of Mrs. Flores, Council President Jim Brunner said this is a public hearing and asked if anyone from the public cared to comment on this appropriation ordinance. There was no response from the audience. Flores stated, she might add, Brad (Councilman Luzadder) had asked her what was paid out of contractual services. She misspoke to that. That is where we pay Chuck Martindale. She wanted to answer that question for him properly, Flores told Luzadder. Brunner said, again, seeing no one from the public wanting to comment, does the Council have a motion at this time? Motion was made by Luzadder to suspend the rules on Appropriation Ordinance No. 1-2017. Motion was seconded by Councilman Henry Smith and carried by the following vote. Aye: Miller, Homer, Smith, Cain, Henderson, Johnson, Luzadder and Brunner. Nay: None. Motion was then made by Luzadder, 2nd by Smith to approve Appropriation Ordinance No. 1-2017 and carried by the following vote. Aye: Miller, Homer, Smith, Cain, Henderson, Johnson, Luzadder and Brunner. Nay: None.

NEW BUSINESS

Council President Jim Brunner told the Council they have had a petition to the Council to enter on their agenda this evening, a resolution. If that lady is present, go ahead and come to the microphone and let them know what she needs, the help she needs. Kelly Engleman told the Council she works for Affordable Housing with Jacquie Dodyk. In May of 2016, we had the resolution passed to do some redevelopment of the old Dan-Mar Building. We're looking at having that demoed. It turns out there has to be another one that just says that you guys are okay with us putting a CDBG Application in and Affordable Housing is putting forward the local match of \$35,000. So she just needs permission to submit the application, Engleman said. Councilman Alan Miller asked, can she explain the initials she just read to them? Ms. Engleman told Miller, oh, she's sorry, CDBG is Community Development Block Grant and the program is BCP which is Blight Clearance Program and it's to demolish and clear 239 W. Third Street, so just the Dan-Mar Building. They want to renovate the Sicilian (sp?). Councilman Henry Smith told Engleman, she said they're planning on renovating the Sicilian Apartments? Engleman told him, yes. Smith asked, does she have any idea when that will be started? Engleman replied, if they get this grant, they're probably a year and a half, two years out because the demolition, it takes a little over a year to complete and then, once that's complete then they would need to go on to the next stage so two years is probably safe. Miller said, maybe he wasn't listening carefully, is this the Dan-Mar, Sicilian Apartments or both? Engleman told Miller, just the Dan-Mar. Miller stated, okay, he was thinking Henry used the word Sicilian. It's just the Dan-Mar Apartments. Mr. Smith said, yes, we're talking about the Sicilian, right across the street. Councilwoman Deb Cain asked Engleman, and you're taking down the Dan-Mar Apartments? Engleman told Cain, we've actually worked with the Historical Society at the state and we're keeping the north and west walls and then the rest will be demoed so the look and everything will remain the same because they want to keep the historic feel but yeah, the rest will be demoed. The inside is deteriorated beyond repair. We've checked many options and it's just not feasible. Smith asked, she said they're going to leave the west wall, didn't she? Engleman replied, north and west. Smith asked, for what reason are they leaving the north and west walls? Engleman answered, because that's the only way that the Historical Society would, the Section 106, would allow them to proceed. Both of those walls are in good condition. Smith asked, so they would be standing....? Ms. Engleman said, she honestly has no clue how they're going to do it. She's had a couple of construction companies turn her down completely because you'll have to brace the wall and we'll keep a little of it. Yeah, it's as crazy as it sounds. Mr. Brunner asked Mr. Miller if he had another question and Miller said, no, that was the question. It's just going to be freestanding façades, he guessed. Engleman said, you have to keep some of the inside of the building. Councilwoman Lynn Johnson told Engleman, she answered one half of her questions because her question was to see if she had renderings and she has already made a design proposal for that and if there's any way they could see it. Engleman told Johnson, she could email it to her. She didn't

bring it with her. She's sorry, but yeah, she has the renderings, if they'd like her to bring it to a future meeting. Johnson replied, that would be great, they'd love to see it because that may give them some idea as to what exactly they're going to do. The north side is on Third Street. She said she (Engleman) said they're going to keep the Third Street wall. Engleman said, so like the east wall, the stucco that's there, they're not requiring them to keep that or the south wall, but yeah, the north and the west. Councilman Brad Luzadder said, he guessed the best thing that he's heard is it doesn't cost us, as the city, anything in which for them to be able to do that and the matching is not going to come from the city either. That's also going to be coming from Affordable Housing Corporation. So we, as a city, not one thing that we have in it. They just need our permission in which to be able to supply the application is his understanding. Is that correct? Ms. Engleman told Luzadder, correct. Luzadder then said, so, Mr. President, if there are no more questions, he'd be happy to, first, suspend the rules, second, ask for it to be added to the agenda and then third, he'd be happy to go ahead and make the motion to approve it. Council President Brunner asked, is that the proper order, Mr. Attorney? Council attorney Phil Stephenson replied, it is, Mr. President. Councilman Alan Miller asked, does it have a number? Engleman said, she brought copies. City Clerk Kathleen Kiley told the Council, she's assuming it'll be Resolution No. 2-2017. Stephenson stated, he thinks they can do both the suspension and putting it on the agenda at the same time. We'd just have one separate motion to approve. Mrs. Johnson told Ms. Engleman, she explained that they are receiving a block grant, developmental block grant and Engleman told her, yes. Johnson said it is her understanding that the block grants or the block grants that are available under this program are regional and isn't it true that we have to wait on certain block grants to become available or (inaudible)? Engleman replied, this round is from last year. Their fiscal year starts July so this is money that's already been allocated. Johnson stated, right and how long did it take them to get that grant? Engleman answered, oh, we don't have the grant. That's what we're applying for. Johnson said, oh, so you're applying for it. You don't have it yet. Engleman told her, no. Yeah, no, this is an application. She's getting permission to put the application in. Johnson asked, and when will she know for sure? Ms. Engleman responded, oh, it's June. She should have written down the date but it is June. Johnson asked, what happens if we don't get it? Engleman said, well, that's partly why she's working so hard to get it in this time because, she means, the CDBG is actually one of the things that's looking at getting lower funding so she doesn't have a good answer. Jacquie works really hard to continue to see the future and what next steps are but we're really hoping that this works out this time so we can move forward. Councilwoman Johnson asked Engleman, would she do them a favor and give them a small comeback feedback on this and how they're progressing? That would be nice. The other thing she would like, if she (Engleman) would check with Jacquie, check to see if these block grants are available at only one time of the year and what you have to do to qualify for other block grants and if these are just applicable..... Engleman told Johnson, oh she just means in general block grants. There's two rounds. Johnson stated, right, there's two rounds, okay, but there's also regional block grants and then there are individual block grants pertaining to the city and she's not sure exactly where this one is falling into because she didn't know and that's one of the things that she would like to know is if these, she knows we're not a regional city but she also knows that block grants go in in a group, okay, like many cities together in a small (inaudible), all cities about our size. And she wants to know how often these are available to us and other ways. Maybe she should give them a little report of other things we could do with a block grant. Engleman asked, and that's something she would do here and Johnson told her, yes, that would be nice. Mr. Luzadder said, just a clarification, we, as a Council, have voted unanimously in the past for both of the application processes before and we have not received those in the past and so that's why we are continuing to try to do those is his understanding from Mrs. Dodyk. Mr. Miller said, he's not trying to be annoying. He just wants to make sure we do this correctly. He asked, counselor, is this Resolution No. 2-2017, so we know exactly what we're voting on? There's no number. Resolution No. 1 is on their agenda tonight. Mrs. Kiley told Miller, yes, it'll be #2-2017. Miller said, okay, his second question, it says Declaratory Resolution. Does that mean we will have a Confirmatory Resolution as we often do or is this just, this is the only resolution? Mr. Stephenson told Miller, he thinks it's the only one (inaudible) go forward. Miller asked Stephenson, so he is satisfied that the language, now that it has a number, is correct? Stephenson replied, he hasn't seen the language, he doesn't have a copy of it, but he can't imagine it's much of a problem. Council President Brunner asked Mr. Luzadder if he would read the resolution for the audience please? Luzadder said, he would be happy to and read as follows: Whereas, the city desires to eliminate blighted structures within the corporate limits of the City of Marion, Indiana, and; Whereas, the structure located at 239 West Third Street has deteriorated beyond repair, Be it resolved by the City that the CDBG Blight Clearance Program Application will be

submitted by April 7th, 2017 to demolish and clear the structure at 239 West Third Street. The local match is committed by the Affordable Housing Corporation of Marion, Indiana, in the amount of \$35,000. Being no other questions at this time, motion was made by Luzadder to add this to the agenda and suspend the rules for Resolution No. 2-2017. Motion was seconded by Miller and carried by the following vote. Aye: Miller, Homer, Smith, Cain, Henderson, Johnson, Luzadder and Brunner. Nay: None. Motion was then made by Luzadder to pass Resolution No. 2-2017. Motion was seconded by Miller and carried by the following vote. Aye: Miller, Homer, Smith, Cain, Henderson, Johnson, Luzadder and Brunner. Nay: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 1-2017

The City Clerk read Resolution No. 1-2017 by title only. A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Marion, Indiana, approving amended statement of benefits for tax deduction for new manufacturing equipment, logistic distribution equipment and information technology equipment and improvements and confirming economic revitalization area for Ozark Materials, LLC, for property located at 3112 S. Boots Street, Marion, Indiana. Councilman Alan Miller said he believes this resolution was to be withdrawn from their agenda. The committee hearing was cancelled last night on the resolution. Council President Jim Brunner asked, so since they did not have a committee hearing, do we need to have a vote then to remove this item? Miller replied, he wouldn't think so, no. Council attorney Phil Stephenson said, no, he would agree with Mr. Miller. They don't have to do that. Brunner asked, at just their declaration, they can just remove this from the agenda? Okay, thank you, Brunner stated.

GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2-2017 1ST READING

The City Clerk read General Ordinance No. 2-2017 by title only. An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Marion, Indiana to recodify and consolidate Ordinance 19-1982 for the City of Marion, Indiana and adopting revised language therefore regarding Handicapped Parking. Tom Hunt, City Attorney, told the Council they have before them tonight on the first reading an ordinance regarding the disabled parking matter. We currently have an ordinance to this effect. It's an old one from the '80's and Chief Haley and he have been discussing this for the better part of the year and he found that in our codification of ordinances through American Legal online for everybody to see and the copy we have here, or copies we have here in City Hall, the ordinance is not included, that being the '80's ordinance and he doesn't know what the problem is, he doesn't know why it was omitted, he doesn't know why American Legal didn't catch that and put it in there but it's nowhere to be found and there have been some questions about the enforcement, questions about the fines and so what he proposed to do was to essentially take the substance of the 1980's ordinance and include it in this ordinance tonight. He brushed up some of the language to alleviate some of the confusion and in it, we have referred to Section 10.99 which, as they may recall, if they'll look at the very last page, item 7, it refers to Section 10.99 of the Code of Ordinances and essentially the way we have set up our ordinances in Marion is that if an ordinance does not set its own fines for violation and you're permitted to do that, if it doesn't then it's captured by the general fine of Section 10.99 which was sort of an ordinance that gives the City Judge the leeway to fine somebody for a violation up to \$2,500 which is the state statutory maximum amount of fine for an ordinance violation. So, the Chief wanted to be able to take the handicap violations and have them subjected to the Section 10.99 fine rather than setting a specific amount within the ordinance and that's the major change. The rest of the ordinance itself pretty much tracks the ordinance from the 1980's, Hunt said. Councilman Alan Miller said, yeah, not related to the fine but is he correct in thinking after reading this that the only way to correctly identify a handicap spot is with a sign? Hunt told Miller, yes. Miller said, painted on the ground is not an alternative. It may be an addition. Mr. Hunt explained, there has to be an elevated sign because so often, and he's encountered this himself, you pull into a spot and then you start looking at it and you think it's probably a handicapped area but the paint fades so the intent behind the law is that the sign be elevated so you can see it as you're pulling in and it's the international symbol of a wheelchair and oftentimes it's also put on a license plate for somebody that has the permit. Miller said, his second question, he maybe knows the answer, is it his understanding that enforcement of handicapped parking on private property is done only at the request and/or the approval of the private property owner, such as Wal-Mart or Meijer's or wherever it may be? Is that the determining factor for whether the Police Department enforces handicapped parking on private property? Hunt said he'd have to defer to Chief Haley on that because he doesn't know what her procedure is with regard to that, whether she has officers actively looking for those violations or whether or not people call in. Chief of Police Angela Haley

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said, we are going on to those properties of Wal-Mart and Meijer's and enforcing the handicapped parking ordinance. Miller said, with or without their permission and Haley told him, correct. Miller stated, we have the right to do that? Okay, very well, Miller said. Haley stated, that's what we've been doing, yes. Councilman Steve Henderson asked Hunt, on the fine, does that mean that the judge on the case would be able to determine what the fine is, up to \$2,500? Hunt replied, yes, under Section 10.99, you give the judge the discretion of imposing a fine up to \$2,500. Henderson said, okay, so there is no minimum. There would just be (inaudible). Mr. Hunt responded, no, there is no minimum. The judge, presumably, would have the discretion to waive the fine in a case where somebody has a legitimate reason why they parked in a handicapped spot. Henderson said, the reason he asked that, he sees some signs that say minimum \$50 fine or whatever on some signs. Hunt told Henderson, that may be in other communities. Chief Haley said there aren't any here. Before he made a motion, Councilman Brad Luzadder said first he wanted to thank Chief Haley and Judge Hunt for protecting our handicapped citizens. He thinks it's extremely important. So, he's proud to be able to send to a 2nd reading and public hearing General Ordinance No. 2-2017. Motion was seconded by Henderson and carried by the following vote. Aye: Miller, Homer, Smith, Cain, Henderson, Johnson, Luzadder and Brunner. Nay: None.

Council President Jim Brunner told the Council, about a month ago, Councilwoman Deb Cain had a request that we, as a Council, could receive possibly a detailed and descriptive plan for the City of Marion for the upcoming year. He knows the Mayor, Jess Alumbaugh, and his department heads had made that at a previous meeting that was open to the public. He asked the Mayor if he could please come forward. Councilwoman Cain said, before the Mayor comes up, she wanted to clear some perceived misunderstandings and restate the agenda behind her request. She'd become concerned with the no agenda meetings that we were holding in December through March with only two items brought before the Council. She became concerned with the (inaudible) community and wanted to help the citizens understand that, other than working on ordinances for the city, that agenda items and business matters are brought to us. We do not go out and campaign for work to do. We review and approve budgets, review (inaudible) filled out each year for tax abatements, review TIF Districts, review and update rules regarding the ordinances. Some take multiple meetings with many entities before finalizing and some ordinances, we do not know if they are working without the input or notification of those enforcing such ordinances. Thus we are working for the people when they have agenda needs. She would like for all of us to feel confident that Marion is on the move forward and not stagnant thus her request was for an informative yet open discussion forum from the Administration on any direction they are going. Hopefully to get a good understanding on the working plan for today, tomorrow and the next years and work together as a team of elected officials to move forward the city, increase, improve and enhance our direction and desires for the city. At no time was her intention to be confrontational, just asking for information (inaudible) of plans and (inaudible) so to speak does the Administration have in place to take that step to move forward and beyond the problems of the past. She believes in her perspective and she hopes all those sitting at the Council table that we are a Council working with the City Administration, not against them. As a Council, we are working together as a whole team, not for our own agenda but for the citizens' interests and that is our desire in our relationship with the Administration. Regarding Umbaugh, she desires an understanding of their investigation of the city's finances and how are we able to pay their fees and where such funds were found. It may be that their findings cannot be released to the community yet and we may need to meet in executive meetings. Then let's do that because she feels we need to be informed and prepared for what is or what might be coming. Again, there are rumors flying. We cannot counter these without knowing anything ourselves and speak with authority, Cain said. City Attorney Tom Hunt told the Council he is going to be Kyle Schwarber and lead off tonight for the Administration, if that's acceptable. Council President Brunner stated, by the way, if he may kind of second what she said, he was present when Mr. Alumbaugh and his department heads spoke earlier this year and he thought it was one of the best things he, as a patron of this community in his 46 years of living here, had ever heard so he did want to thank Jess and his Administration for what they did do that day. Hunt said he just had two quick points he wanted to touch on and then Mayor Alumbaugh will be coming up to fill in the gaps and perhaps answer some questions. The first point he wants to address is this concern about a lack of an agenda for this body. From an operational perspective, he thinks we all know that city government is formed much the same as government at the federal and state levels, three co-equal branches, separation of powers, checks and balances and all the things we

learned a long time ago. He told the Council, you folks, as the Council, are the legislative, financial body of local government. The Mayor's Office is the executive and administrative body of local government. And much like Congress and the Legislature, you all set your own agenda. It's not a statutory function of the executive branch of government at the state, local or federal level to set the agenda of the legislative branch. Now, to be sure, the executive, very often, contributes to that agenda and over the last 15 months, this Administration has done that. We've brought you General Cable, we've brought you the Holiday Inn Express, a new Trash Ordinance, a new Leaf Ordinance, tonight a redoing of the Handicapped Parking Ordinance and there have been many other examples throughout the last 15 months where the Administration has actually brought business to this body. But he thinks it's unfair to suggest or imply that the lack of agenda for this body is the fault of the Administration. He's lived here all his life and too many times in the last 25 years he's seen previous Administrations, previous Councils, draw lines in the sand and accuse each other of things in public meetings that end up devolving the whole process into chaos. You've all seen it and we had every hope of being transparent and open and honest with all of you and very frequently, some of these issues can be solved by simply picking up the telephone but nobody in the past has ever done that. We've all seen it and we're hoping, this Administration, to be able to get off on that right foot with not only you but the citizens of the community because that's who we all work for. Point number 2, the financial state of the city and Umbaugh. We're aware, as you all are, painfully aware, that everybody wants answers. Everybody wants to know what happened. This Administration, without a doubt, was elected with a mandate to find out what the problems are and, number two, to fix them. Those of us in the Administration have been to work every day, some of, not him but some of the others, have not taken vacations. They've been here every day, working to solve these problems. And we've got to remember this, it took eight to 10 years for us to get in this mess. It didn't happen overnight. It took eight to 10 years. This Administration has been here only 15 months. A lot has been accomplished and a lot as planned but we're not going to solve these issues, we're not going to find out what the problems are overnight. We're attacking this on two fronts, the first is the old YMCA issue, \$3,000,000 bond issue. Nobody knows what happened to the money. Apparently, a lot of the work that supposedly occurred there never happened. We've hired Ice Miller from Indianapolis to prosecute a lawsuit for us against the estate of Michael An. You've all read about that in the newspaper. We had to go to California to get permission from the court out there, which was his (An) state of residency, to be able to sue him. We've done that and one of the primary focuses of that litigation is the discovery process. It allows us the filing of the lawsuit, gives us a vehicle to engage in discovery, get documents produced, records produced, from a variety of sources, that we can analyze and make an effort to try and track where that money went. We don't know at this point but Ice Miller is working on it. They keep him in the loop and he's seen many of those documents but he doesn't have the financial background that some of those folks do who can do forensic analysis of documents and try and figure out where things went. The point he's making is that it takes time. We don't have answers and we don't have anything to report yet because we don't know where that's leading. But ultimately, we think it's going to lead us to some answers. The second front we're attacking this financial issue on is the use of Umbaugh to help us find out where we are, what went wrong and where we're going to go. The one reality he hopes we all leave here agreeing about tonight is there is no report. He doesn't know where the subject or the idea came up. He thinks the newspaper may have created this idea in everybody's mind that there is an Umbaugh report. There is no Umbaugh report. There's nothing to show. What they're doing is analyzing. They're going over records. The recordkeeping here in the past was abysmal. There are confusing records or, in some cases, there are no records and their hands are tied and they've referred to us, verbally, that this is an onion and they keep peeling layers back and keep finding new ways to go. The point he's making is that it takes time and we can't piecemeal the release of material in an investigation and that's what this is. It's not an analysis, it's an investigation. When the police conduct an investigation, they are tight lipped. They don't release evidence piecemeal. They do it at the end and there are two reasons why they do that. Number one, you don't want to tip off people that you're targeting. Records get destroyed when that happens. Number two, if you start piecemealing information then people are going to draw, in many cases, incorrect assumptions based on incomplete information that may point a finger, wrongfully, at someone that suggests they are guilty when, in fact, they are innocent. And so, to suggest that we need to piecemeal the release of this investigation is just wrong and there is support in the law for that. The Indiana Access to Public Records Act speaks of the non-release of information when the attorney-client privilege is an issue and here we have that very issue. Ice Miller and he have been working on this investigation. There are a lot of confidential communications going back and forth about some of this information that

is protected by the Access to Public Records Act. Now, at the end of the day, and this just happened in the last couple of weeks, we entered into an engagement letter with Umbaugh to conduct a comprehensive financial plan for the city. The department heads are not here tonight because they are a part of that comprehensive financial plan. They're going to be interviewed by Umbaugh, about their expectations, about their plans for the future, about what they think the costs are going to be to pay for those plans and Umbaugh tells us, by the end of May, that plan should be in writing and available and they have every intention and some point in early June, before the budget process begins, to include all of you in that comprehensive financial plan. You will see it. You'll each be given a copy of it. You will sit down with Umbaugh to discuss it. You'll be able to ask questions, they'll answer them to the best of their ability and then you'll have a really good picture of where you're going prior to engaging in the 2018 budget. So that's down the pike and you should have a lot of answers by that point. Now, will we have answers on the investigation? He doesn't know. It kind of depends on what documents we get from some of the sources that we've subpoenaed. But at this point in the investigation and as long as he is Corporate Counsel, he will continue to advise the Administration not to piecemeal the release of information because of what he said. We don't want to tip off people that we're looking at and we don't want to wrongly accuse someone who may not be guilty. So, he's going to turn it over to the Mayor. He knows he has a few things he wants to say, Hunt stated. Mayor of Marion Jess Alumbaugh told the Council, well first, he (Hunt) touched on some of that. You wanted to know about department heads and make sure he had them here. We ask your patience. He thinks they heard from Judge Hunt why we ask for the patience now. We are working on a long term plan. We're partnering with Umbaugh in developing that. They are experts in their field. We have input and ideas and they're going to try and incorporate those into our future. You will be a part of that decision making as the fiduciary body for our community. This all started with, for him, a front page article in the local newspaper and it was news to him when he walked in the office because he had not seen the paper. He reads the paper at work and when he walked in, there was, he thinks anger would be the right word. They were fairly angry with why this made the front page of the newspaper without anybody coming to the Mayor and saying, hey, we'd like to have this discussion with you. He just feels like he's tried to be very respectful in how he handles you folks when there are decisions to be made with ordinances or tax incentives, whatever we're bringing to the table. He told the Council he's continually said he's not going to tell you how to vote or tell you you're doing a disservice to the community if you don't vote the way he tells them to vote. He has very much tried to pay them the respect and let them be the ones who vote their conscience. You're representing your entities in the city that you represent. You're elected officials, you deserve that respect. He asks the same respect in return. Talk to him first. Give him a heads up. What are you looking for? But to include the media in it from the start, that was something he just doesn't understand. We want to be fair, we want to be honest. Some of them know him better than others here. When his time is up, whenever that is, and some people may hope it's two and a half years from now, but whenever it's up, his hope and prayer is that people say "he may have not done everything I wanted but he did it with integrity. He tried to do things right." And if he can leave, knowing that he did that, that he tried to do what he thought was right and did it with integrity and the best interest of not just the city but this Council, that he respected all of them along the way, and he just asks that respect in return, and quite honestly, he didn't feel like he received that when that hit the front page of the newspaper. We want to accommodate you. You guys are here for a reason. Things don't happen by accident. He doesn't believe that. And we will move this city forward. We're not stagnant. He's not hearing any negatives while he is out. To this day, he has not heard any (inaudible) or complaints about the lack of an agenda and he's out every day. Ask Marsh and Meijer's. They kid him at most stores, "do you come in every day?" He's out there, the public's talking to him and it's all positive. It's not negatives. They don't think this Council and this Administration aren't getting the job done, not from what he's hearing. They are singing the praises, they're glad that we're going in the right direction. If there's things he needs to do for you guys, let him know but he'd rather do it away from an audience, when you can, and just have a conversation. Let's nip it before it becomes a circus. At first, he was pretty angry. Jim ran into him at an event here recently and his anger got the best of him and he needs to apologize to him. He was a little frustrated and, you know, life happens outside of.... Mr. Brunner told Alumbaugh, that anger is why he helped them win two state championships. Alumbaugh stated, he doesn't like to lose. He is more of a fighter than people think. He's quiet and respectful but when he's backed into a corner, he does fight. He doesn't (inaudible), it's just not there. It never was, never will be. His dad wouldn't have allowed that. So, he wants to know what he can do to answer your questions and move us forward because, if we can't do it, he thinks we've been off to a great start by the way, been very professional all along

the way. There's been great dialogue and interaction and it hasn't become confrontational where people are yelling back and forth. And he will tell them, if his department heads do that, one time we had a Council person concerned about one of the people in his Administration and how they were addressed. We had a conversation about that, don't think it'll ever happen again. We're going to treat you with respect, you deserve that. They may not like him, please respect his position. That's all he asks, that we can move this city forward but we have to work together and let's just do the right thing. As far as the stagnant, that really bothered him. He thinks we have made a lot of progress, Alumbaugh said. Councilwoman Cain stated, that's why she wanted to say what she said in the beginning that there was a lot of misunderstanding. She didn't expect the paper to grab onto it like they did. She was really disappointed. She thinks she was misquoted. She thinks he was misquoted when he said he'd have a private conversation with her because we never went that route. We had meetings but we stuck to the agenda. We do work well together. She thinks the whole Council, we're not party. We don't try to do the party line. We work for the citizens and that was her intentions. Her perception of her request was that he would come and give his city address to them in a form that they could then ask him questions. That was what her idea was. She thinks this whole thing was blown out of proportion by the paper and then feelings were hurt and an agenda was put behind it that was not intended. Her idea, perception was that can he come and give them his city address because she personally could not have been there. Her grandson was ill and she had to be with her daughter so she couldn't be at that city address. She knows there were a couple of Council members also absent. Not every citizen in this city could have come to that because it's in the middle of the day and they work so she thought it would be a really neat idea to have that kind of conversation here and then they could ask questions. And she thinks it was taken totally out of context, Cain told Alumbaugh. Mayor Alumbaugh told Cain, she just mentioned something that last year he got some pushback on and that was mostly through social media but he tries to respond to people. He doesn't respond on social media, just to make that clear but he tries to reach those he does know and not just because he's Mayor but he's known them and he responds to their questions. He usually does it in private. He can reach out to them via email or a phone call and say hey, let's talk. Last year, after the State of the City, there were people who were disappointed because it's not a cheap State of the City. You pay, he thinks it's \$20, \$25 for the lunch banquet and it's a fundraiser for the Chamber. And he said, before this one, he'll probably do another one and maybe do it here at the City Council but then he thought maybe at the high school or at the Y and give the public a chance to come in that doesn't want to pay or can't be there because they are working and do another State of the City. So that would be an opportunity there and he'd be more than happy to do that. We can make that happen and, once again, basically talk about the same things we've talked about. It was a team (inaudible). It was not himself talking. It was Mike Flynn and Julie Flores and Tim Eckerle from the Economic Growth Council. We had a number of people up there but we can probably make that happen again and give everybody a chance to hear what we talked about. Were any of you there at the State of the City, Alumbaugh asked the Council. So some of you heard it, some of you didn't. He didn't run for this job because he always wanted to be the Mayor. The one thing he always wanted to be was a Marion Giant and he worked his tail off and was barely on the team. Mike Flynn was a lot better than him. He ran because he cares about the city. He wants to see us thrive, he wants to see us do well, he wants to see us get healthy and move forward. He thinks we've got the pieces in place. We're all here for a purpose, we're all here for a reason. It's not an accident. Let's move it forward and if you have questions, come to him first. Talk to him. He's there, he's there all the time. He didn't take vacation. He worked. It's a big job and a tough job. He thinks he did take part of a day off to go golfing once or twice but other than that, he was working. He's around and, if he's not, it's because he's somewhere else doing what he needs to do. But he's available and he wants them to know that. He's available to all of them. Let Don (Batchelor) know that. In fact, how is Don? Council President Brunner replied, we were hoping he was going to be here this evening. He asked Councilman Smith if he could give them an update on Mr. Batchelor real quick. Smith said, he talked with Don yesterday. He just got in from Ft. Wayne Lutheran and said he was feeling better but he had a weak voice and he said he might be here today. Mrs. Cain asked Alumbaugh, so, while he is there, can he give them anything? Alumbaugh asked, does she mean like the State of the City? Cain replied, yeah. She means, that's what she asked for. The Mayor said, basically, he said the state of the city is evolving. We're improving. You guys have been a part of that. You worked on the ordinances. He thinks Kathi (Kiley, City Clerk) told somebody, he may be speaking out of turn but, it's been a while since she's seen this much ordinance work. Well, those are the basics. When you talk about quality of life, this impacts quality of life. We're working on the roads. We're going to do another, what it is, another \$1,200,000 worth of city streets. We're going to work on Lincoln

Boulevard. We're going to work on South Lincoln Boulevard. We're going to work on the major north-south thoroughfares. That's what we can do with the money we have. But we're taking care of the basics. It's not that he's not going to go out and try to find business. Trust him, we're working on things right now. We're following leads and he's trying to bring people in. He's a better salesman than they might know. He's not a real talkative, boisterous salesman but selling is connected with people and selling them what you believe in and he believes in Marion. To him, it's an easy sell. He thinks we're going the right direction. So, we're trying to work on the infrastructure, we're going to put that money where it belongs. We're going to make sure that Matter Park, when you enter it, is kept as well as it can be because when you get to the Gardens, it's going to be beautiful. He assigned Doug Darga and Julia Glessner to that role specifically. He was told we only need two people to do all of Matter Park. He never bought that for a minute. He doesn't think, you can go back for a long time, he doesn't think maintenance has ever been thought of when people do things for the City of Marion. And he's not just talking about the previous Administration. He's saying you could probably go back. Well, he came from IWU as a fundraiser there for 12-1/2 years. They don't build anything without thinking, okay, now we've got it, how do we maintain it? That's part of this comprehensive plan. Okay, we have all this equipment. The Splash House is great. We're really struggling with that, he told Cain. It's cost significant money but now we have to maintain it and there's real issues starting to creep up because there's never been money to maintain it. We aren't healthy yet. We may never be like we were in the 60's and 70's with that kind of tax revenue we were able to generate back then when there were more people here, more industry here, paying taxes but we have to do a better job of maintaining what we do have. We have to do a better job of cleaning up our neighborhoods. We're going to start soon, this is about to happen, he talked about this. His was mostly from the heart, his part of the State of the City. We're going to hold landlords to the fire. If the same landlords keep having people getting arrested in their rental properties, doing illegal things, we know it's a problem. He's talked to Chief Haley, we know. Well, let's start letting the newspaper and the newspaper told him, Linda Kelsay said we'll start doing that Jess, you give us the information and we'll start sharing this but what we'll share is John Doe was arrested for selling heroin, cocaine, whatever, at such and such address, landlord, owner is, most of them have company names. They don't use their own. You'll start to see the same names pop up. It's time to clean up Marion, Deb. These are part of the problem, people in our community. They're harboring the worst elements of our community because they're making money off of them, sometimes in more than one way. She knows it. Previous law enforcement knows it. He told Councilman Homer he may know it, he was Chief for a while. This is something that needs to be cleaned up. It is a nuisance and more than a nuisance, it's killing people in our community. We have to hold their feet to the fire. We have to find business and to be quite honest, he told Tim Eckerle this, he's been touring places. He's going around to our local business. He said when he ran, let's help the local business first. Let's try to grow our local business. And we've done that. We've worked with General Cable, GM, we're getting ready to work with some others. They're already here. They're invested. They're paying their employees. They're spending money in Marion and Grant County. Let's help them thrive, all the while looking for the right opportunities. But he's not going to push those \$8.00, \$9.00/hour jobs to you guys and say, throw a TIF at them, throw this at them. Those people are living (inaudible) and working their tails off. You can say, well, we need to find better jobs. If we would get better jobs, better people would want to come here to work. They go to Chrysler from Marion every day, drive that half hour. They go to Indianapolis and Ft. Wayne for better paying jobs. We may have people start coming here for better paying jobs, if we land them. We can't keep saying well that's all our workforce is qualified for. No, we're better than that. We've got resources right here with IWU, Taylor and Ivy Tech, people graduating all the time. We need to find the right kind of jobs for them. If we keep bringing in industry that's \$8.00, \$9.00/hour, don't think this city is going to change. It's not going to change. Those people don't have any disposable money. They're living on the edge. We have to figure out a better way. What we're doing is not working. Look around. That's a brief synopsis of what he was telling (inaudible). And he talked about it at every forum he spoke at. He was concerned that we keep doing the same old thing. One of the candidates used to say it's insanity if you keep doing what you've always done. Let's find a better path. We're going to need every one of you and we're going to need all of these people back here. He's always talking to the people, what do you hear or what do you see work elsewhere? Is it something we could implement? He said when he ran, he knows he's not the smartest guy in this city. You've never had a Mayor that was. The smartest people make a lot more money than any of us will ever make. He goes talk to them, what do you think? What about this? And then we have conversation and he surrounds himself with really talented people. Mike Flynn

and Julie Flores, his department heads. James Loftis is back. James hates this part of the job. He said he told him he doesn't need to do that. He doesn't care whether a department head is a public speaker or great with the media. He wants them to manage their team. If they can do that well, we can handle the other elements. He doesn't need a guy that's a good talker. He needs somebody that can get the job done and lead a team and that's what he's trying to do. He's trying to lead a team and change a culture (inaudible). Even when we were behind, he lost one game in junior high and he wasn't the star (inaudible), it was his attitude, but we never thought we were losing even when we did lose. And he hates to see people in Marion thinking we're losing. No we're not. The game's still on. We're going to win this thing. Marion is going to get healthy if we do things right and most of that's common sense, just making common sense decisions. This isn't rocket science. It's managing a city and a community and people (inaudible). But, you might be able to look online still and get the State of the City in its entirety with each speaker. If he finds that, he's going to send it to them. He won't find it, to be honest with them, but somebody that gets on computers will find it for them. Council President Jim Brunner told the Mayor, he believes we've (WBAT) archived his speech from the State of the City. He thinks Mr. Thurman might have that so if we have that, he can make that available real quickly through Mr. Morgan. He can get that to the members that weren't there so he'll work on that for us. Councilwoman Cain said, not just her. She means, the citizens. She means, the ones that couldn't be there, they need to hear that. They need to hear his passion because when there aren't items for us to discuss, the City Council, the perception then is, well nothing's being done. Alumbaugh told Cain, sometimes that can be good, Deb, because we're not asking to divert money to another.... He means, sometimes it's because things are running smoothly in some instances. Not always but he's just saying, it's not always a bad thing the Administration's not coming to you with stuff for you to do. The ordinances, we all have ideas. He knows Jerry (Foustnight) was very pleased with the feedback he got. He thinks we can do even more clean up in our city through ordinances that can really have a sustainable influence on the community for the better. It'll be long term change. It won't be the grand slam or home runs but maybe we've swung for grand slams and home runs too much in the past and maybe it's time to win some games just hitting a single, double and a triple every now and then. If a home run happens, you take it but you don't strive for it. It happens because you're doing all the other things. And by doing those things, you're getting healthier without even knowing it sometimes. It's just, he used to say during the campaign, it's not icing on the cake you're going to get from him but it's going to be a good cake. You may not get the icing, based on finances, but when the time is right and we can afford icing, we'll put that on too. But, these are baby steps. This is a tough situation. We didn't make that up. Financially, we're struggling. It's not good. You're going to see that more clearly. You've been told you're going to get this report. It's not an Umbaugh report but when it's all done, you're going to get a chance to look at it. You'll see where we are at, what we inherited and how we're trying to get out of it because it's us. He means, it's our money. We're all taxpayers here and what happened at the Y was your money. That \$3,000,000 was your money that just..... Well, guess what? It's his hope and prayer that the dominoes fall because, if it does, we may find some money. We may not but at least let's hold people accountable that weren't doing things right. There's a light at the end of that tunnel, he believes. He said he was going to pursue that if he won. The people that he stood on their front porches wanted him to pursue this. They said "if you're elected".... He's doing the things he said he was going to do when he was running and it's not as flashy but it's methodical, and again, he hopes when it's all said and done, you guys may or may not like him but when it's all said and done, he hopes you say "you know what, he tried to do things the right way though" and if people don't want him, they'll let him know. And we did want to let Julie talk. Julie had some financial information she wanted to share. Councilwoman Lynn Johnson told the Mayor she just wanted him to know everyone was surprised at those headlines. He wasn't the only one. We had no idea that this was going to cause such an agonizing surprise. Everybody was surprised. Nobody thought we were doing anything that we wouldn't normally do just out of being a curious Council. And our apologies, Johnson said. Alumbaugh told Johnson, and if you have questions, please start with me if you have questions. If he thinks we need Julie at the table to help address those..... Johnson said, we were all alone in a room. He has to understand, it was all of us and the Chronicle-Tribune and Kathi. It was just us. Alumbaugh asked, what's the limit? You can't have more than three Council people? Johnson replied, no, it was during a meeting. Alumbaugh stated, that came up during a City Council meeting. Johnson said, yes, no one was here. The Chronicle-Tribune was here. The Mayor replied, oh, so you thought you had the freedom to talk and Johnson responded, well of course. Alumbaugh said, but you might get a hold of him if you have those questions. He wants to have, let's have conversations. Let's see if we can move Marion forward. That's the key. If we do nothing else, let's

just make our city better. Councilman Alan Miller said, he just wanted to say a word in defense of the State of the City Address. Since he's been responsible the last five years for determining when that's held, it has seemed to be the most effective time and format that we had. We had 115 people there this year. It is a 45 minute event and he thinks we crammed more information into 45 minutes. He told Brunner, he thinks it would be of public service if he were to promote it and re-air the context of the entire programming. We also broadcast it live on WBAT that day. So, we tried to maximize the reach of the State of the City Address. Not to say, perhaps, he shouldn't deliver some kind of address here but that is just the format he would defend. He doesn't think this room would hold 115 people if they showed up. It just seemed to be an effective format. Like he said, we've done it four or five years and he doesn't see us changing that, so as long as the Mayor is willing to do it. And it's not a fundraiser, by the way. We barely break even on the lunch. City Controller Julie Flores told the Council, she guessed she'll just start, if anybody has any questions for her or she can just go ahead and start speaking. Brunner told her to just go ahead with her report. Flores stated, like Attorney Hunt said, there is no Umbaugh report. There have been several discussions with Umbaugh on several different issues, mostly on TIF. When she first got here, that was the first thing she looked at and it was mind-boggling to her and that's why she called Umbaugh and said "what am I missing here? None of this is making sense". So, in discussions with Umbaugh with TIF, we found a lot of issues. She'll just mention a few because it'll just boggle your mind, she's guessing. But, past records and information were inadequate, mostly tracking of the bonds and repayment sources of those bonds. Bond refunding, consolidations, changes to the allocation areas were all difficult to follow everything that was happening. The Gateway reporting which is the annual report we have to put on Gateway was incomplete. So, Umbaugh prepared for her, with our assistance, a concise bond schedule of the bonds, when they'll be paid off, where the sources of revenue are coming from. As we researched the data bases and other county records, we found those to be incomplete or in error. So, those, all those lead to property tax caps, just anything you can think of. By those things, database neutralizations being off, it just affects all kinds of things, the revenue we receive. So, it's like they said. It is peeling back an onion. We would find an error, dig to find out where is the answer to this and it lead to other questions. It's ongoing. We've been here how long now, a year and three months, and there's still no definitive answers about where the errors occurred or who is to blame or any of that, which she thinks now, it's just, let's go forward and just figure out how we're going to pay for everything. They did mention that we are one of the few communities that do not have a pilot so they said they are making suggestions on how we can generate more revenue. And we need to identify areas where we can generate more revenue. That's the bottom line, they've told us. We are doing a comprehensive financial plan. You wanted to know about the expenses for Umbaugh. Last year, they assisted her with the budget. She didn't want to miss anything so we paid them \$8,500 to assist her with the budget. That will not happen going forward. She's confident that we can get that budget done in house without any assistance. The other money that we paid them, \$130,000 was the bond issues. They took their fees right off the bond issues before we got the proceeds. Part of that bond issue was to pay for the comprehensive plan so we have the money. That's where those funds are coming from. So she felt like she made that pretty clear when we did all that so she doesn't feel like we were hiding anything about what we were paying them. And we did pay them from the budget for CETA. That's really the only place we have any extra, it's not really extra money but that's the only place we had to pay them from. So, with that, she guessed she would entertain any questions they may have. And she will reiterate what Jess said. She took a week to take the Taylor Golf Team on their Spring Break trip when she was coaching. That was the only time she was out of the office. She comes in at 8:00, she leaves at 5:30. She's been here. She thinks Councilman Henderson and maybe Councilwoman Johnson have been to her office but she's not heard from anyone else. She's there, accessible, just call anytime or email her. She'd be happy to answer any questions they have. Councilman Dave Homer said, just peaked his interest a little bit. She said, in these TIF Districts, the changes in allocation. Can she explain that a little bit? Flores told Homer, she thinks the base neutralizations weren't calculated correctly. GM and the mall, in fact, in one year, 2011 pay 2012, everybody was at zero. The base neutralizations were off so, and then, when they consolidated some of the bonds, the allocation areas got changed. So, it was quite confusing. Homer asked Flores, have you had instances where there was money allocated for a TIF but yet it wasn't used for that? It was used somewhere else? Flores answered, yes, that's one of the other things. There is a COIT bond that when the COIT bond was issued, it was to be paid from County Option Income Tax, which is the General Fund, but typically it has been paid, from the get go, was paid from TIF and it's \$400,000 a year. So, that needs to be put in the General Fund. That's where it was supposed to be paid from. In doing the budget for 2017, we tried to put it there

and it did not work. We wouldn't have been able to fund the budget. So, she doesn't know that TIF will be able to generate money in the future to pay for that so that will also be part of our comprehensive plan going forward about, with the funds we have coming in, what are we going to use those funds for. Councilwoman Lynn Johnson asked Flores, has she had a chance to analyze the variance between the TIF Districts and the funding from the TIF Districts, money allocations, between 2014 and 2017? She means, does she actually notice what the changes are and how much it's reduced our budget? Flores told Johnson, it's a constant. We are constantly working on that. As she said, the Gateway reports were not done. She is in the process now, she did, London Witte did do the report last year. It was due in April and April of last year, she had not a clue how to do that. She is doing the report herself this year so she is having to go back and look at some of those things. Johnson asked, is she doing the assessed valuations and the variance and the TIF allocation and all that stuff all herself? Flores told her she is. Johnson commented, oh good, she's glad to hear that. Councilman Alan Miller asked, is any of the controversy about the balance in the county budgets affecting us? Are we confident that the draws we've gotten from them are accurate? Flores told Miller, they are not. Miller said, they are not? Okay. But she doesn't know whether that has to do with the discrepancy in the county numbers. Flores said, it does. Miller commented, so that's not just a county issue, we're affected. Any idea how much we do or don't have? But she's confident that we don't have all of our (inaudible) have all of our tax draws that we should have. Mrs. Flores said, in some areas, we've got too much. In some areas, we have not gotten enough because the base neutralizations are off. Councilman Steve Henderson asked Flores, on the big consolidated TIF that we have, has anybody discussed or thought about taking each one of those areas that actually has a TIF and making those individuals and putting that where it really should belong? Flores told Henderson, there has not been any discussion. Henderson said, he thinks it would simplify things a whole lot and a lot of people just have this area as the TIF. Like the mall is just a TIF by itself, and then the ethanol plant is a TIF by itself. Flores replied, but CIE (Central Indiana Ethanol) is not in the consolidated TIF. Henderson responded, right but they're individuals and by him looking at what other cities have done, they don't have this what they call "spider TIF" which goes all over the city. They allocate it to just one area. So he didn't know if that was something she could look at and it could be done or not. Flores said, there are about she would say 10 to 12 areas in that consolidated area, in that consolidated TIF so she doesn't know that that could be done. Mrs. Johnson asked if she could answer him and said she understands his question and actually she thinks the public ought to know that some of the (inaudible) consolidated area and the TIFs are spider TIFs is because there's no increment (inaudible) which means the valuations of the properties have not increased and we cannot get a tax revenue from valuations that don't increase (inaudible). So we have no increment, we have to spread the TIFs out throughout the consolidated area and throughout the City of Marion in order for us to generate enough revenue to pay off the loans and the bonds. And actually, we were told that the TIFs didn't damage or hurt the city, however, the TIF, because it does not have an increment and we are not successfully getting an increment revenue, the valuations are not being taxed in order to pay off these bonds (inaudible) so we have to spread it throughout the city so we can pull value out of our homes in order to repay the notes and the loans and the bonds. If anybody has any questions, that's what she's (Flores) facing. She knows she's having a tough time. This is a very tough time for her and her heart goes out to her and it's a very tough time for our city but we're going to make it. We all understand that, Johnson said. Councilman Brad Luzadder said he would just like to thank Mrs. Flores for the Fund Reports they've been receiving every month. That makes it really, really, makes it nicer for them to know where we are and he certainly appreciates the extra effort in which she's been putting in to make sure that they do see those. It means a lot. He's told her many times but they are very grateful that she is here, Luzadder told Flores. Being no further questions from the Council of Mrs. Flores, Council President Brunner thanked Flores very much for the report.

Before the meeting adjourned, Council President Jim Brunner told the Council if they'll remember, two weeks ago, he had told them that he would be asking the Indiana Wesleyan Basketball group that three times in the last four years has made it to the National Final Four and twice won National Championships. They have asked to be here the next meeting so coming up on the 18th of April, Coach Tonagel and his team will be here and we'll honor them at the start of the meeting so he'll be getting with Mrs. Kiley to get some nice certificates made up for them at that time.

Being no further business to come before the Council, on a motion by Homer, 2nd by Smith, the meeting adjourned. Time being 8:21 p.m.